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1. According to a Soviet plan for the establishment of an independent Macedonian State, the largest area would be taken from Yugoslavia. In addition to the present State of Macedonia in Yugoslavia, the portion taken from Yugoslavia would include the territories within the line running from Prizren to Pristina, Vranje and Nis. In addition, the plan envisages the inclusion of a corridor between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria which would give the new Macedonia the disputed area of Piro, and a strip of territory to include the railroad line leading from Nis to Negotin and connecting with Orsova along the eastern borders. This new Macedonian state would cut into Bulgaria as far as Radomir and the Pirin Mountains. Furthermore, the new state would include Salonika and parts of Greece north of the line from Salonika to the Greek-Albanian-Yugoslav border.
2. To carry out its program in Macedonia, the Soviets have ostensibly concentrated fifteen motorized and tank divisions in the Kustendil-Petric-Bistrica mountain area. The plan calls for unified action against Tito's regime by these units in cooperation with Greek and Bulgarian partisan units, as well as with units formed of anti-Tito Yugoslavs who have escaped from their country, and Bulgarian army units. These troops would advance slowly toward the borders of what would be the new Macedonia, and when these have been reached a solution would be sought for a peaceful settlement and the military operation would be brought to an end with the stipulation that the occupied areas are not to be returned to Yugoslavia. The Free State of Macedonia would then be proclaimed, and would immediately unite with Albania and assume the name of Albania-Macedonia.
3. Local significance would be lent to the entire action through the fact that although units concentrated in the above-mentioned Albanian territory are predominantly Soviet, and Soviet officers are in command, all would wear Greek partisan uniforms now manufactured in Bulgaria's textile factories, and the action would thus appear to the world as a struggle of the Macedonian people for liberation from Yugoslavia.
4. In furthering the above aims, the Soviets have concentrated the entire naval fleet which was taken from Italy as war booty in the harbor of

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Durres, now being built into a strong naval base. According to projected plans, Durres would also be the site of a powerful submarine base for the purpose of shutting off the Straits of Otranto, thus preventing any direct action by the Anglo-American fleet, should the latter to intervene in the prospected clash.

5. The Soviets believe that Marshal Tito would be unable to withstand the concerted attacks of the supposedly well-equipped partisan units, and that the goal of the latter concerning the creation of a new Albania-Macedonia would easily be accomplished. Partitioning of the Yugoslav portion of the territory should be the primary aim of such action, followed by the partitioning of Greek Macedonia. In return for territory surrendered to the new state, Bulgaria would acquire the Kavala region, to be taken from Greece, thus enabling Bulgaria to stretch to the Aegean Sea over the same portion of territory granted her by Hitler.

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